

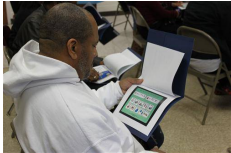



Petree ES Parent Events

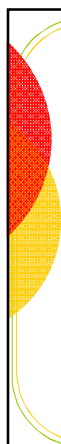




Petree ES Parent Events

- #1-Functional Communication and Literacy
- #2-Pack of Adapted Books
- #3-EBP-Applying to real life/home
- #4-Grant Event-Knights of Columbus
- #5-Autism Awareness celebration
- #6-Summer Learning Packet

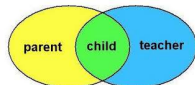


Results from Events

- Connecting parents and students
- Increase in staff morale
- Expansion of knowledge base of staff and parents
- Home behavior improvements
- WS/FCS Teams collaboration

Research On Parent Involvement

- Parents feel unwelcome in school environment (Strong Families, Strong Schools)
- Educational attainment of parents matters
- Parent involvement increases teachers' self-perception (Child Trends)
- Students perform better when their parents are actively involved (Child Trends)



Break the Cycle



"MOMMY AND DADDY ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS SICK NOTE. THEY CAN'T MAKE IT TONIGHT."

Enhance Communication

- Regularly communicate with parents
- Match positive to negative
- Allow parents to share concerns



Collaborate

- Home-school student reinforcement
- Connect parents with community resources
- Invite parents to volunteer at the school
- Welcome resources or strategies from parents



Consistency

- Even when there are barriers, keep trying
- Hold parents accountable as partners in the teaching process
- Find the motivating factor



Care

- Same rules apply: Get to know parents
- If a parent struggles to help student, then help the parent
- Provide mini workshops/training if needed
- Accommodate parents' schedule if needed

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What the Future Holds...

- Parent Speakers
- Professional Speakers
- Additional Resources
- More Fun Events
- Links to Community Resources
- Parent Workshops
 - Education on disabilities, sign language classes, behavior management, etc.

Additional Ideas

Ideas for Events

- Family Reading Night-focused on a program such as Accelerated Reader
- Discovery Night-students and parents can interact and learn together
- Culture Night-students and parents bring items that represent their cultures to share with others
- Parent Academy-where parents can learn about various topics

Ideas for Events

- Planning Sessions-work with parents to develop strategies for student success
- Tutoring Sessions-parents can help tutor students after school
- Mentoring programs-parents mentor students
- "Parent of the Month" Club

Ideas for Communication

- Develop a communication log/system that works best for staff and parents
- Newsletters, websites, class blogs, etc.
- Monthly calendar of events
- Weekly reports of activities and progress
- "Parents and Pastries"-mini conferences at drop-off time


Food for thought...

*"Education is like a baseball game, it needs all its players:
parent, teacher, community, and student."*

Parent Involvement

The Foundation for Student Success

PARENTS + TEACHERS = SUCCESSFUL KIDS



Thank you!

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